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This fax is a re-transmission of the Proposed Amendment After Final faxed to the USPTO on December 10, 2003. Due to an oversight, the Proposed Amendment was not signed, as pointed out by Exr. Kim during a telephone conversation with the undersigned on Dec. 29. Applicants appreciate the courtesy extended by the Examiner in discussing this matter with the undersigned. A signed copy of the Proposed Amendment is attached hereto.

Respectfully Submitted,

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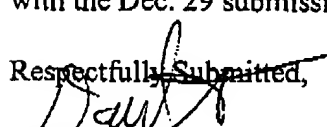
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Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Exr. Kim on December 29, 2003, Applicants submit herewith a copy of a fax receipt evidencing a bona fide filing of a Proposed Amendment After Final on December 10, 2003 (the "Dec. 10 Filing"). Due to an oversight, the Dec. 10 Filing was not signed, as pointed out by the Examiner during a telephone conversation with the undersigned on Dec. 29, but is otherwise deemed responsive. As requested by the Examiner, a signed copy of the Dec. 10 Filing was submitted on Dec. 29. Since the Dec. 10 Filing was a bona fide attempt to respond to the outstanding office action, and was timely filed without any required extension fees, Applicants respectfully request that they not be charged any extension fees in connection with the Dec. 29 submission.

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